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This is only a rough estimate, as the harvest in a large area has not yet been completed, due to late cultivation. The position, as it stands now warrants only the grant of seasonal remission under Board's Standing Order 13. The Collector has issued instructions to the Sub-Collector, Sivakasi, to grant seasonal remission of full wet assessment in all cases where the lands have been left waste for want of water or where the crops have been lost and remission of wet minus dry rates in cases where the crops have been brought to maturity solely by well water or where dry crops have been raised in wet lands for want of sufficient water to raise a wet crop. No remission for dry lands has been proposed, as the dry crops have yielded fairly well.

The Land Revenue Collection commences only from the month of February in this district. There are no collectable land revenue arrears in Srivilliputtur taluk. So the revenue staff have not approached the ryots for land revenue collection so far. The approximate demand of land revenue for Srivilliputtur taluk for Fasli 1375 is Rs. 1,05,326. It is reported that an amount of Rs. 71, 526 (75 per cent of the total demand) will have to be remitted. The Collector has issued instructions to suspend the collection of the above amount.

In respect of collection of loan dues, the Collector has issued instructions to subordinates to see that no hardship is caused in deserving individual cases. The loan arrears in the Srivilliputtur taluk come to Rs. 51.168 only. The procurement of foodgrains is being done only in cases where surplus is available.

The Collector of Ramanathapuram has submitted proposals for taking up minor irrigation and road works at a cost of Rs. 1,64.450 in Srivilliputtur taluk with a view to provide employment facilities to the agricultural labourers the matter is under consideration of Government and orders will be issued soon.

IV.—STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER ON THE SITUATION AT VELLORE.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Chief Minister can now make a statement regarding the Vellore Incident, which was raised in the House yesterday.

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, வேலூரில் ஒரு கிளர்ச்சி இருப்பது பற்றி நேற்று பிரஸ்தாபிக்கப் பட்டது. நான் தகவல் விசாரித்து இன்றைக்குத் தெரிவிக்கிறேன் என்று சொன்னேன். ஆனால், எனக்கு வந்த தகவலின்படி இது சம்பந்தப்பட்டவர்கள் ஜில்லா முன்சீப் கோர்ட்டில் வழக்கு தொடர்ந்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே, இதைப்பற்றி நான் ஒன்றும் கூறுவதற்கில்லை.